

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
AND CONSERVATION  
DILLON UNIT OFFICE



STEVE BULLOCK, GOVERNOR

STATE OF MONTANA

(406) 683-6305  
FAX: (406) 683-4041

730 NORTH MONTANA STREET  
DILLON, MONTANA 59725-9424

February 14, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Dillon Unit), will be accepting public input for the proposed "Promised Toomey" Salvage Timber Sale. The proposed project area is located within DNRC Common School Trust Lands on portions of Sections 24, 25, 26, & 36, Township 1 North, Range 14 West, in Beaverhead County. These lands are located approximately 15 air miles north of the town of Wisdom. Maps of the proposal are available at the Dillon DNRC office.

The project as proposed would manage timber (Lodgepole pine, Engelmann Spruce, and Douglas fir) that has been affected by insect and disease infestations (Mountain pine beetle, Spruce bud worm, and Douglas fir bark beetle), focusing on removing dead, dying, susceptible and overstocked trees. The timber harvest would utilize ground based logging systems removing approximately 1500 mmbf (million board feet) of sawlogs and approximately 1,800 tons of post and rail material from approximately 170 acres of State School Trust lands. Within the proposed harvest units are decadent Aspen stands that are unable to compete with conifers. These isolated colonies will benefit from this treatment and likely be regenerated through reduction of conifer competition, canopy opening, and ground disturbance to encourage suckering within Aspen colonies. Approximately 25 acres of pre-commercial thinning will occur in well-stocked regenerated Lodgepole pine stands from previous harvest projects. The sale would utilize existing roads that have been in place for many years crossing private lands and other agency lands. Approximately 0.8 miles of low standard temp road would be constructed to haul timber and physically closed and revegetated at the completion of the project. The specific project objectives are to provide revenue to the school trust, recover value from damaged timber and improve the health, productivity and diversity of the forest stands. The proposed harvest will be submitted to the State land board for approval and if approved, would be offered for bids in the spring of 2013.

The department would like to receive input and comments from interested parties regarding the proposed forest management activities on these lands. Please provide comments to the address below by March 15 2013.

MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
Dillon Unit Office – Attn. Timber Harvest Proposals  
730 North Montana St.  
Dillon, MT 59725  
Phone: 406-683-6305